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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: March 2, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution granting a Public Access Easement Deed to the City of Los Angeles on APN 5445-008-905 and 5445-010-901 for the Los Angeles River Bikeway.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution granting a Public Access Easement Deed to the City of Los Angeles on APN 5445-008-905 and 5445-010-901 for the Los Angeles River Bikeway.

Background: The Los Angeles River Bikeway project is an overall effort to renovate the current maintenance road on the west bank of the Los Angeles River, turning it into a Class I Bike Path. Improvements include new asphalt pavement, lighting, and fencing. The Bikeway has been completed between Victory Boulevard and Fletcher Drive. The next phase of construction would extend the Bikeway from Fletcher Drive to Barclay Street.

On February 10, 2005 the MRCA received a request from the City of Los Angeles to grant an easement over two properties for the Los Angeles River Bikeway. The properties are commonly known as Egret Park and Steelhead Park, in Elysian Valley. The easement at Egret Park would be 31 square feet and the easement at Steelhead Park would be 1,037 square feet. All of the MRCA's river parks were designed and developed to complement and coordinate with the Bikeway.

In this area, the land is subdivided in such a way that portions of many private parcels extend across the maintenance road and onto the sloped bank of the Los Angeles River. Together, the two easements total 1,068 square feet of land that has been informally used as a multi-purpose pathway for many years. The proposed action would not reduce the amount of parkland. A CEQA Notice of Exemption has been filed. The easements would be granted at no cost to the City of Los Angeles. All construction and maintenance costs of the Bikeway would be the City's responsibility.